

Who will know how much I pledge?

Only the financial secretary and the assistant financial secretary will know who pledges and the dollar amount. We are committed to maintaining confidentiality in all matters of giving.

How and when do I pledge?

You will be receiving a mailing with a pledge card soon. We encourage you to prayerfully consider God's calling to you to give to CCC in 2010. The amount of your pledge is not as important as your commitment to pledge as part of your charitable giving for 2010. *Paul points out in 2nd Corinthians that "a family's need should not be affected by tithing, but rather, each person should give in proportion to what they have been given."*

A pledge is a commitment. What if my ability to meet my commitment changes?

Your pledge is your intent to give to CCC in the coming year. The church recognizes that there may be circumstances that affect someone's ability to meet their commitment. *2nd Corinthians 8:12 states, "for if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not what one does not have."*

Do you have to be a member of CCC to pledge?

No, members and non-members are encouraged to pledge.

Are there specific Scriptures I can turn to for guidance regarding giving?

There are numerous scriptures in the Bible that we can turn to for guidance regarding giving to our church. These can be some of the most helpful and useful tools when prayerfully considering how much of our time, talent and financial resources to give to our Church. Here are a few examples:

Deuteronomy 16: 17 – *Each man shall give as he is able, according to the Lord your God, which He has given you.*

2 Corinthians 9:12 – *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.*

Proverbs 3:9 – *Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops and your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine*

1 Chronicles 29:9 – *Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart*

Proverbs 11:25 – *A generous man will prosper, he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed*

An Introduction To



Stewardship

Honoring God With Faithful Giving

How can I learn more?



Community Christian Church
Lincolnshire, Illinois
www.ccclinchire.org

What is the Stewardship Campaign?

It is the period of time when our church specifically focuses on why God calls us to give. During the Stewardship Campaign, church leaders communicate the importance of "honoring our Lord through faithful giving." It is a time when we are invited to prayerfully consider pledging to CCC as part of an intentional giving plan for 2010.

Why pledge? Why not just contribute to the collection plate on Sunday?

Pledging is a commitment to God, and it demonstrates our part in accomplishing His work through the church. A pledge is a deliberate consideration of our roles in supporting the Lord's church and is a way to show gratitude to God for the gift of His Son. Pledging provides us with an opportunity to financially commit to God's work on a regular and intentional basis, as the first and foremost of financial obligations. An outgrowth of pledging is to provide CCC with predictable income for planning.

Why is pledging important for me and my family, or for the church?

Pledging is important to each of us and our families because as God's children, it is a way to faithfully respond to His generosity. Our giving is an act of worship; and when we give joyfully, the return from God and His church is compounded in many ways. Pledging is important for the church to reach out through ministries and programs "to change lives through Christ." The total amount of pledges helps predict the income the church can expect for the coming year. Pledges form a vital part of the church's sound financial plans.

What does CCC's Finance Committee do?

Based on input from the ministry teams and program areas, the Finance Committee prepares a preliminary operating budget for the new year and submits it to the General Board for review. The Finance Committee also reviews the financial health of the church and regularly reports it to the General Board along with any recommended changes. The committee assures the prudent management of the financial gifts and resources of the church.

Who can you contact with questions about Stewardship, pledging or church finances?

Questions you may have about Stewardship can be answered by anyone on the Stewardship Committee:

Marc McCormack
Fred Blakeslee
Barry Lyerly
Kendra Ro
John Short
Kim Sylvan

Questions you may have about pledging should be directed to the Financial Secretary, Fred Blakeslee, at (847) 903-4917 or fredblakeslee@comcast.net.

Regarding church finances, please contact one of the Finance Committee Co-Chairs:

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How are contributions used by the church?

Input is received from each of CCC's ministries and committees. In addition, input from the Finance Committee and General Board is used to develop a general operating budget. This is done in November and presented to the congregation in December for approval. Income to the church is used in the following areas: Staff salaries, activities and programs, facilities maintenance and improvements, utilities, ministers' expenses, missions and local, regional, national and global outreach.

Does our denomination contribute to the general operating fund?

All income comes directly to CCC through the donations made from its members and friends. Other sources may include: donations from those who do not pledge, proceeds from fund-raisers (annual birthday dinner; garage sale), interest income from our bank accounts and CD's and rents from the Montessori School.

Are there other ways I can give to CCC?

In addition to giving money to the church, giving of your time and talent is an integral part of God's calling for us. Income for the church is necessary to carry out the ministries of the church and for maintaining our wonderful facilities. A commitment of your time and talent is also part of God's calling to further these ministries and meet the needs of this church and its programs.